

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10, 14 and 15 were allowed. Of these claims, Claims 7 and 15 have been amended to correct obvious errors. Rejected Claims 11-13 have now been cancelled. The Abstract has been amended to place it in acceptable form. The application should now be in allowable form.

Regarding the Examiner's observation concerning the IDS, a copy of the FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) filed June 2, 2005, is filed herewith. The original IDS contained a copy of the PCT publication WO 2004/035539, which was apparently separated from the IDS in the USPTO. A copy of that (supplemental) IDS, with the reference in question attached, is enclosed and applicants request that the reference be considered in the prosecution history and identified as such. Should the Examiner require new filing of a separate IDS submission fee under these circumstances, it is respectfully submitted that Deposit Account No. 23-1925 be debited therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

Attachment: Suppl. IDS

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